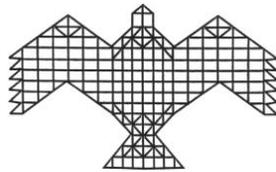


National Seminar On
RISE OF CHINA: INDIAN PERSPECTIVES

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Concept Note

The remarkable rise of China in the last three decades has had a mixed global reaction. China's growth has increased eighteen fold over the past 30 years. Currently the world's second-largest economy, it is expected, to overtake the US economy in the first half of this century. While many countries have welcomed this rise, some other nations, especially some of China's neighbors and even the US have viewed it with concern if not consternation.

China's trade was 55 per cent of its GDP in 2010 - five times larger than the role of trade in the US economy of the 1950s and 1960s, when US economic dominance was greatest. China's international economic influences have grown exponentially, especially in international markets for labour-intensive manufactured goods. China has been accused of keeping its currency undervalued and indulging in unfair trade practices like imposing export restrictions on a number of minerals and metals, particularly those with strategic value. Several countries including India have imposed antidumping measures against China. China has been aggressively acquiring assets abroad, especially in the energy field and notably in the resource rich but poor countries in Africa.

China modernization of its armed forces has been a cause of concern for its neighbors and even for a superpower like the US. Its aggressive postures in its disputes with the some of the South East Asian countries and even with India in its border dispute, has added to the global concern. Its anti-satellite testing and its efforts to develop an anti-ship ballistic missile to confront the US carriers in the Pacific Ocean are all seen as a new and aggressive face of a China well on its way to be a global power...

There are also fears of China ignoring the IPR issues in their technology development. Added to this is the fear of accelerating capability of china on cyber warfare .

What does this rising China signify for India? How do our leading companies feel about dealing with china on trade and technology issues? How much of a threat is China for India given our not too smooth relationship and China's unqualified support to Pakistan in military and nuclear field. China is also busy following what is popularly referred to as "String of Pearls" policy in befriending nations in the neighborhood of India and improving the port and other facilities in these countries in order to serve its commercial and transport interests. Will it

eventually serve the naval interests of China in the neighborhood? Would the Indian Ocean be the scene of stiff confrontation between India and China?

Or is “China Threat” an exaggeration or hype as some would hold?

To discuss all these questions and come to a consensus, a seminar is being organized by International Strategic and Security Studies Programme of the National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore on Dec 20 and 21 2011. While senior and retd officers from the Govt of India who have dealt with China are being invited, this seminar is also planning to have senior people from the Private. Sector, i.e. Companies who have business dealings with China, to know the issues involved. Papers presented are expected to cover all aspects of China i.e. internal political developments, foreign policy with special emphasis on India, growing military clout, economic trade and technology developments.

To enable free and frank discussions the seminar would follow the “Chatham House rules” i.e. no names will be mentioned in the final report carrying the views expressed by the participants during actual discussions. Papers presented would be brought out by NIAS, in a compendium along with a report and recommendations for the decision makers.